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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Fangrow et al.
Appl. No. : 09/078,941
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For : MEDICAL VALVE WITH
POSITIVE FLOW
CHARACTERISTICS



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 31, 2000, please amend the claims of the above-captioned application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 8, 10, 19-22 and 39 without prejudice.

1. (Twice Amended) A medical valve for controlling the flow of fluid between a first medical implement and a second medical implement, said valve comprising a body having a cavity in communication with a second medical implement and an opening adapted to receive a first medical implement, a rigid sealing element positioned within said body and movable between a first position in which said seal prevents fluid flow through said body and a second position in which fluid flow is permitted through said body, said cavity including a fluid space which automatically and reversibly increases in size when said first medical implement is connected to said valve and which contracts in size when said first medical implement is disconnected, said sealing element comprising a piston movably mounted with respect to said body, and [The medical valve in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising] a ledge

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